



The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church
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Worship for Sunday, January 10, 2020 10:00 am

***Our mission: Embracing the Community with God's Love, Providing a Home for
Spiritual Nurture & Worship, Reaching Out to Those in Need, Growing through
Service to Others***

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1): sky, waters, ground; sun, moon, stars; plants, animals, people. Then God rested.
So, welcome to this time for rest and worship.

Gathering in God’s Name

Prelude: “Lead on, O King Eternal”

- by Henry T. Smart

The Life of the Church

Steve Berryhill

Lighting of the candles

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: We welcome the light of Christ into our worship.

Sung Prayer of Preparation “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” Purple # 143, v.4
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Call to Worship

(Psalm 29; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

All: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

One: The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

All: And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”

One: Ascribe to the Lord’s majesty and strength.

All: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

***Hymn of Praise** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Purple #475, v.1

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

***Call to Confession**

God loves us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sin before God.

***Prayer of Confession**

We are precious in Your sight, yet we often forget that we are Your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny

that our way of life harms others and hurts Your world. We are sorry and want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with Your peace. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Beloved, God forgives our sins; know that You are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

All: **Amen.**

***Congregational Response:** "Gloria Patri"

Red # 622

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***Declaration of Trust and the Peace**

One: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

All: **Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Please take a moment to greet your immediate neighbors.* Amen.

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Children's Ministry Minute

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for Your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May Your Spirit so burn in us that we hear Your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 51:6-17

⁶You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- ¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

New Testament Reading

Luke 3:1-22

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do

not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

"What Then Should We Do?"

Rev. Diane Ziegler

Responding in Faith

***Hymn of Affirmation**

"Baptized in Water"

Purple # 482, v.1

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

***Affirmation of Faith— The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

Sung Response to Prayers "Give Us Light" Purple #467, #1
Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God (Isaiah 43:2)
As people who have passed through the waters of baptism, let us make our grateful offering to God our Redeemer.

(Offering plates are located at the front and back of the sanctuary or we invite you to give online using this QR code.)



Offertory: "Ceaseless Praise" -by Anthony Giamanco

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication/Offering (unison)**

O God, at His baptism, You acknowledged Jesus as Your beloved Son, and through Him You opened to us a way to become Your children by grace. May these gifts we return to You be a sign of our dedication to live as Your faithful

daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Name

***Parting Hymn** “Sing of God Made Manifest” Purple # 156 v. 1, 2
Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordon John confessed, “I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.” Then from heaven a double sign – dove-like Spirit, voice divine – hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”

***Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

All: **We carry the light of Christ into the world.**

***Benediction:**

*** Sung Benediction** “He Came Down” Purple # 137, v.1
*He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore!*

Postlude: “‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” -by William Kirkpatrick

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Church Office Hours

Office hours the week of January 11: Monday 10- 2; Wednesday 10-2.

Please call before coming into the office.

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Prayers

Capri, Millie and Jae Burchett- Family and friends of Melvin Yearick- Family of Homer Whitman-Family of Roy Blomeyer-Pat Custer- Richard Pape- Patty Reuber- Glen's neighbor- Sharlene Pederzani-Jerry Kallas- Stan Mallory- Family of Polly McCann- Family of Mary Frantz- Family of Jesse Pearson-Family of Dutch Camden- Paul Gaines- Megan and Christy Wilson-The Smallwood Family-Staff and children in school-The Alternative school and staff- Mary Jo Zoller-Brian Koch-Art Neff- Those with estranged loved ones-Those who are sick and those who are dealing with anxiety-Health Care Professionals, Emergency Responders and Grocery Store Employees-Betty Cornette- Barb Wagner- Charlotte Downing-Katie Henry-Alzheimer Patients-Cancer Patients-Caregivers -COVID patients and people in quarantine.

Announcements

Worship with us online or in the sanctuary. We offer one weekly service at 10:00 a.m. This service will be live streamed. Your Wednesday Constant Contact newsletter has instructions on how to access the live stream. These instructions are also posted on the website at www.bellbrookpc.com . The service will also be recorded for later viewing. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday afternoon.